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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In supplement to the Information Disclosure filed February 22, 2002 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant respectfully brings to the attention of the Examiner the citations listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and respectfully requests that the listed citations be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

Copies of each of the newly identified citations are provided herewith.

Applicant has corrected a typographical error on the previously submitted PTO Form 1449 wherein 2,648,753 published December 28, 1990 refers now to a French patent, not a Japanese patent.

Patent Abstracts of Japan Vol. 009, No. 286 (M-429) November 13, 1985 corresponds to previously filed Japanese application No. JP60128005. Patent Abstracts of Japan Vol. 113 (M-683) April 9, 1988 corresponds to previously identified Japanese

application No. JP62241712. Patent Abstract of Japan Vol. 015, No. 443 (M-1178)

November 12, 1991 corresponds to previously identified Japanese application No.

JP03189213. Patent Abstract of Japan Vol. 011, No. 247 (M-615) August 12, 1987

corresponds to previously filed Japanese application No. JP62055202.

An English language translation of previously identified foreign language document FR 2,048,753 is not presently available. The following is a concise explanation of foreign language document FR 2,048,753:

FR 2,048,753 discloses a tread for a tire, said tread having blocks being provided with a hole for inserting a spike. Further, said hole is provided in a region of each block, which is of greater resilience.

Identification of these documents is not to be construed as an admission by the applicant or the attorneys of the applicant that they are available as "prior art" against the subject application.

Applicant has corrected the date of publication of EP 0485778 from April 12, 1995 to May 20, 1992. U.S. Patent No. 5,297,604 is in the same patent family as EP 0485778.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is due connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is due, the

Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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